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## *Questions.*

1. What is that which is often given you, which you ever have, yet which you often give up ?
2. What time of day was Adam born ?
3. Why is Sunday the strongest day ?
4. Why are ladies bathing like a Yankee drink ?
5. Of what color is grass under snow ?
6. Why was Dickens a greater writer than Shakes-  
peare ?
7. Why would tying a horse to a post seem to im-  
prove his pace ?
8. What gives a cold, cures a cold, and pays the  
doctor ?
9. What is the worst kind of fare for a man to live  
on ?
10. Of what colors are the winds and waves in a  
storm ?
11. How does a ray of light get through a prism ?

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## *Answers.*

1. A conundrum.
2. A little before Eve.
3. All the rest are week-days.
4. They are lasses in water.
5. Invisible green
6. Shakespeare wrote well, but Dickens wrote Wel-  
ler.
7. It would make him fast.
8. A draft (draught).
9. Warfare.
10. The winds blue (blew) and the waves rose.
11. It hews (hues) its way.

## *Questions.*

12. What would a bear want if he should get into a dry goods' store ?
13. When does English butter become Irish butter ?
14. How does the letter Y work an impossibility ?
15. What was Joan of Arc made of ?
16. Why is Joseph Gillott (the pen manufacturer) a corrupt man ?
17. When does a blacksmith make a row in the alphabet ?
18. When may a loaf of bread be said to be inhabited ?
19. Why can Satan never be uncivil ?
20. Why is "O" the most charitable letter in the alphabet ?
21. Why are sheep the most dissipated of animals ?
22. Why is a bald-headed man like a hunting dog ?
23. Why is the figure 9 like a peacock ?

## *Answers.*

12. Muslin (muzzling).
13. When it is made into little *Pats*.
14. It makes a lad into a lady.
15. Maid of Orleans.
16. He makes people *steel* pens, and tells ther they do *write*.
17. When he makes a poke-R and shove-L.
18. When it has a little Indian in it.
19. Because the Imp o'Darkness can never be Im o'Light.
20. It is found oftener than any other letter i d-o-ing g-oo-d.
21. They *gambol* all their youth, live by the tur the best of them are black legs, and they get *fleece* at last.
22. He makes a little *hare* go a great way.
23. It is nothing (o) without its tail.

## *Questions.*

24. Why may we doubt the existence of the Giants Causeway ?

25. When are lawyers circumstances ?

26. Why is a dog's tail like an expressman ?

27. Why are chickens liberal ?

28. What animals are in the clouds ?

29. Why is a young lawyer in his office like one of his chickens roosting on his neighbor's fence ?

30. What is the difference between perseverance and obstinacy ?

31. Why was Elizabeth greater than Napoleon ?

32. What best describes and most impedes a Pilgrim's Progress ?

33. In what color should friendship be kept ?

34. What is the noblest musical instrument ?

35. What the vilest ?

36. How do seamstresses resemble rascals ?

37. What is that if you take the whole away some remains ?

## *Answers.*

24. There are so many sham-rocks in Ireland, this may be one of them.

25. When they alter cases.

26. It keeps a waggin'.

27. They give a *peck* when they take a *grain*.

28. Rain—dear.

29. He has no business there.

30. One arises from a strong *will*, the other from a strong *won't*.

31. He was a wonder, but she was a Tudor.

32. Bunyan (bunion).

33. In violet.

34. An upright piano.

35. A lyre.

36. They cut and run.

37. Whole-some.

## *Questions.*

38. What is that which if you take away all the letters remains the same ?
39. What is the most ancient furniture ever read of ?
40. What consolation has a homely girl ?
41. What is the best way to raise strawberries ?
42. Why is a man upstairs beating his wife an honorable man ?
43. What is the greatest novelty of the day ?
44. Why is a tallow-chandler the most miserable of men ?
45. Why do women seek husbands named William ?
46. Why is a steamboat a good place to sleep in ?
47. Why are you most likely to miss the 12.50 train ?
48. Why should alchemists and astrologers be females ?
49. Why should free seats at church be abolished ?

## *Answers.*

38. A postman.
39. The multiplication table.
40. She will be a *pretty* old one if she lives long enough.
41. With a spoon.
42. Because he is *above* doing a mean action.
43. A dog's tail, — no one ever saw it before.
44. All his works are *wicked*, and all his *wick*-ed works are brought to light.
45. That they may have a *Will* of their own.
46. It leaves a-*wake* behind.
47. It is *ten* to *one* if you catch it.
48. They are often Ann Elizas and Charlotte Anns from birth.
49. They make people good for nothing.

## *Questions.*

50. Who wrote most, Dickens or Bulwer ?
51. What makes the ocean get angry ?
52. Why was the first day of Adam's life the longest ?
53. What is the difference between a duck with one wing, and one with two ?
54. When is an ox not an ox ?
55. Why are washerwomen unreasonable ?
56. Why are they the greatest of coquettes ?
57. When may two people be said to be half-witted ?
58. What kind of doctor would a duck make ?
59. Why is an omnibus strap like conscience ?
60. Why is the science of self-defence like low tide ?
61. Why should a teetotaler never take a wife ?
62. Why is a washerwoman like a navigator ?
63. What relation is the door-mat to the scraper ?
64. When is love deformed ?
65. Where have you the most extended view ?



## *Answers.*

50. Dickens. He wrote "All the Year Round," while Bulwer wrote "Night and Morning."
51. It has been crossed so often.
52. It had no Eve.
53. Merely a difference of opinion (a pinion).
54. When he is turned into a meadow.
55. They expect soft water when it rains hard.
56. They wring men's ruffled bosoms.
57. When there is an understanding between them.
58. A quack doctor.
59. It is an inward check on the outer man.
60. It develops the muscles.
61. He will not sup-porter (support her).
62. She spreads her sheets, crosses the line, and goes from Pole to Pole.
63. A step-father (farther).
64. When it is all on one side.
65. In a hop-garden, for then you see from Pole to Pole.

## *Questions.*

66. What burns to keep a secret ?
67. Plant the setting sun, and what will come up ?
68. Why is the Premier of England like a lemon ?
69. Why is a dog with a lame leg like a boy ciphering ?
70. Why are eyes like stage-horses ?
71. Why did Louis Phillipe omit to take his umbrella when he left Paris ?
72. Why is the letter B like a hot fire ?
73. In what respect does an attorney resemble a clergyman ?
74. What small animal is turned into a larger one by beheading it ?
75. Why are sailors in a leaky vessel like dancing-masters ?
76. Why does a duck go into water ?
77. Why does a duck come out of water ?
78. When is the wind like a woodcutter ?
79. What kind of cottages did Adam's sons prefer ?

## *Answers.*

66. Sealing wax.
67. The morning glory.
68. He is often cut up in "Punch."
69. He puts down three and carries one.
70. They are always under the lash.
71. Just as he left, the rain (reign) was over.
72. It makes "oil" "boil."
73. He studies the law and prophets (profits).
74. Fox — ox.
75. They depend on their pumps.
76. For diver's reasons.
77. For sun-dry seasons.
78. When it chops.
79. Cottages with eaves (Eves).

## *Questions.*

80. Why is a stupid servant like a church bell?
81. Why is ambition like a church weathercock?
82. Which is the laziest plant, and which the most active?
83. Why is a prudent man like a pin?
84. Which is the oldest tree?
85. Why should the largest tree be near a church?
86. For what was Eve made?
87. Why did Joseph's brethren put him in the pit?
88. If you were to swallow a man, what sort of man would you prefer?
89. Why should you never make love in the country?
90. Why is an aged man like a deserted house?
91. Why is a competent lawyer like a bloodstone set in jet?
92. What did a blindman take at breakfast which restored his sight?

## *Answers.*

80. It has to be often told (tolled).
81. It is a vain (vane) and glittering thing to a spire (aspire).
82. The creeper and the running vine.
83. Because his head prevents him from going too far.
84. The elder-tree.
85. There should be no bigger tree (bigotry) there.
86. For Adam's Express Company.
87. They thought it a good opening for the young man, — and there was no room for him in the family circle.
88. A little London porter.
89. Because corn has ears, potatoes eyes, and the beans talk.
90. His gate (gait) is broken and his locks are few.
91. He is deep read (red) in Blackstone.
92. A cup and saucer (saw, sir!).

## *Questions.*

93. Why was there a panic in the early days of Moses ?

94. Why does a person who is ailing lose his sense of touch ?

95. What was the first monetary transaction on record ?

96. Which of the animals in the ark took the least luggage ?

97. Why is blindman's-buff like sympathy ?

98. When is a bank note like iron ?

99. Why is the sun like a good loaf ?

100. What wind does an epicure like best at sea ?

101. What was Pharaoh's chief objection to Moses ?

102. Why is a whale like a pond-lily ?

103. Why is a good wife like the evil one ?

104. How do the trees prepare themselves for summer without opening their trunks ?

105. Why may a dyspeptic hope for a long life ?

106. What proof have we that Cowper was in debt ?

## *Answers.*

93. Because there were rushes on the banks of the Nile, and Pharaoh's daughter withdrew a valuable deposit.

94. Because he does not *feel* well.

95. When Pharaoh received a check on the bank of the Red Sea and Moses passed it.

96. The fox and the rooster, for they had only a brush and comb between them.

97. It is a fellow feeling for a fellow-creature.

98. When it is forged.

99. It is light when it rises.

100. One that blows fowl and chops about, and then comes up in little puffs.

101. He found him more plague than prophet.

102. It comes to the surface to blow.

103. Because while the husbandman sleeps, she sews *tares*.

104. They *leave* out all their summer clothing.

105. He can't die just (digest) now.

106. He "oh'd for a lodge in some vast wilderness."

## *Questions.*

107. When is a baby not a baby ?
108. Why is love like the Erie Canal ?
109. What ancient Grecian philosopher wore the largest hat ?
110. Why is a mouse like hay ?
111. Why is a hen crossing the street like murder ?
112. What relation is a loaf of bread to a locomotive ?
113. What is more moist than a young lady with a waterfall on her head, a cataract in her eye, a little lake on each cheek, high-tied shoes, and a crick in her back ?
114. Why is a promissory note like grass ?
115. How long should a ladies' crinoline be made ?
116. What did Io die of ?
117. Why is a flea like a long winter ?
118. What is the smallest room in the world ?
119. Why is a baby like a sheaf of wheat ?
120. What did Adam and Eve do after leaving the Garden of Eden ?



## *Answers.*

107. When its a teething (tea-thing).  
108. It's an means of internal transportation.  
109. He who had the largest head.  
110. Because the cat 'll eat it.  
111. It is a *fowl* proceeding.  
112. The mother. Bread being a necessity, a locomotive being an invention, ergo: Necessity is the mother of invention.  
113. A young lady with a notion (an ocean) in her head.  
114. It matures by falling due (dew).  
115. A little over two feet.  
116. Io-dide of potassium.  
117. It makes a backward spring.  
118. The mush-room.  
119. First it is cradled; then thrashed; and ~~the~~ it becomes the flower of the family.  
120. They raised Cain.

## *Questions.*

121. When is water most likely to escape ?
122. Plant a puppy, and what would come up ?
123. If a negro were to go to a bank to pay money, what four names of Shakespeare's characters would he use to perform his errand ?
124. What is the difference between some young ladies and a mirror ?
125. What is the difference between a mother and a barber ?
126. What is highest when you take the head off ?
127. What remedy does an Irishman take for a scolding wife ?
128. What is the difference between a cloud of rain and a beaten child ?
129. What did the sunbeam say to the violet ?
130. What rose is born to blush unseen ?
131. What is the largest room in the world ?
132. What English poet does a mummy resemble ?
133. Why is a lawyer like a restless sleeper ?

## *Answers.*

121. When it is only half-tide (tied).  
122. Dog would.  
123. Othello, Cassio, Desdemona, Iago : O-teller  
Cash-I-owe ; Dere's-de-money ; I-a-go.  
124. One speaks without reflecting, the other reflects  
without speaking.  
125. One had razors to shave, the other shavers to  
raise.  
126. A pillow.  
127. He takes an e-lix-er.  
128. One pours with rain, the other roars with  
pain.  
129. Wilt thou ? And she wilted.  
130. Negroes.  
131. Room for improvement.  
132. Dryden (dried-'un).  
133. He lies first on one side, and then on the  
other.

## *Questions.*

134. What is an Englishman's notion of woman's mission ?

135. Why does a hen sitting on a fence resemble a penny ?

136. When is silence likely to get wet ?

137. Who first embraced ritualism ?

138. What is that which is above all human imperfections, and yet shelters the weakest and most depraved, as well as the best of men ?

139. How do we know that Moses wore a wig ?

140. Why is a lame beggar inconsistent ?

141. What never asks questions, but requires frequent answers ?

142. Why should you never sleep in a railway train ?

143. What most frequently becomes a woman ?

144. Why were the gates of Paradise shut against Adam and Eve ?

145. What does Queen Victoria take her pills in ?

146. Why is it dangerous to walk out in the spring ?

## *Answers.*

134. Sub-mission.
135. She has a head on one side, and a tail on the other.
136. When it reigns.
137. Eve : she was Eve-angelical ; and then she took to vestments.
138. A hat.
139. He was sometimes seen with *Aaron* (hair on) and sometimes without.
140. He asks for *alms* when he wants *legs*.
141. The door-bell.
142. The train runs over sleepers.
143. A little girl.
144. To keep out the damp air.
145. In cider.
146. The grass is full of *blades*, the trees are *shoot-ing*, every flower has a *pistole*, and the bull rushes out.

## *Questions.*

147. What is that which, although only four inches long and three inches wide, contains a solid foot ?
148. What is the difference between a physician and a magician ?
149. Why is an alchemist like Neptune ?
150. What becomes of all the pins ?
151. Who is the oldest lunatic ?
152. Where was Time raised ?
153. What did Lot do when his wife turned to salt ?
154. Why is a door in the subjunctive mood ?
155. Why is a belle like a locomotive ?
156. Why did the man who bought a dumb waiter return it next day ?
157. Why is a Freshman like a telescope ?
158. Why cannot I spell Cupid ?
159. If you were to throw a white stone into the Red Sea, what would it become ?
160. When will the alphabet be shortened ?

## *Answers.*

147. A shoe.
148. One is a cupper, the other a sorcerer.
149. He is a seeking (sea king) what never existed.
150. They fall to the earth, and become terra-pins.
151. Time out of mind.
152. In the lapse of ages.
153. Got a fresh one.
154. Because it is wood,—or might, could, or should be.
155. She transports the mails.
156. Because it would not answer.
157. He is easily drawn out, seen through, and shut up.
158. When I get to C U (see you) I forget everything else.
159. Wet.
160. When U and I are one.

## *Questions.*

- 161. What is the brightest idea of the day ?
- 162. Why are kisses like creation ?
- 163. Why is a ragged beggar like a clergyman near the end of his sermon ?
- 164. What two letters express the most agreeable people in the world ?
- 165. Why is a greenback more desirable than gold ?
- 166. Why is the letter T like matrimony ?
- 167. Why is a negro woman like a doorway ?
- 168. How does a sailor know there's a man in the moon ?
- 169. Why didn't he stay there ?
- 170. What is the difference between an angel and a well baby ?
- 171. Where would the devil go to get a new tail ?
- 172. Why is a coachman on his box like the clouds ?
- 173. How does Patrick propose to get over his single blessedness ?



## *Answers.*

161. Your eye, dear.

162. They are made of nothing, yet are very good.

163. He's tor'd his clothes.

164. U and I.

165. When you put it in your pocket you double it, and when you take it out you find it in creases.

166. It is the end of quiet and the beginning of trouble.

167. Because she's a negress.

168. Because he has been to *sea*.

169. Because he found it was *full*.

170. One is heavenly, the other hell-thy (healthy).

171. Where they re-tail bad spirits.

172. He holds the reins (rains).

173. By proposing to Bridge-it.

## *Questions.*

174. Why is coal the most contradictory article known to commerce ?

175. What is the difference between a baby and a shipwrecked sailor ?

176. Why is a lance like the moon ?

177. When can you carry water in a sieve ?

178. Why is a lame dog like the side of a mountain ?

179. Why was the Shah of Persia, during his visit to England, the best card-player in the world ?

180. What most every one requires ; that which every one gives ; that which every one asks ; that which very few take ?

181. Why is an engine driver like a schoolmaster ?

182. Why could not Napoleon III. insure his life ?

183. Which is the easier profession, a doctor's or a clergyman's ?

184. Why are sidewalks in winter like music ?

185. If a tough beefsteak could speak, what English poet would it name ?

## *Answers.*

174. Because when purchased it goes to the cellar (seller).

175. One clings to its ma, and the other to his (s) par.

176. Both are the glory of the *knight*.

177. When it is ice.

178. It is a *slow pup*.

179. Because the swells gave up their *clubs*, the workmen threw up their *spades*, and the ladies were within an *ace* of losing their *hearts*, when he came to show his *diamonds*.

180. Advice.

181. One trains the mind, the other minds the train.

182. No man living was able to make out his policy.

183. The clergyman's: he preaches, the doctor practises.

184. If you don't C sharp, you will B flat.

185. Chaucer.

## *Questions.*

186. Who are the best astronomers ?
187. What is it that goes up and down hill, but never moves ?
188. What is the difference between the Prince of Wales and a fountain ?
189. Why was Martin Luther like a dyspeptic robin ?
190. Why is Pharaoh's daughter like a broker ?
191. Why is Westminster Abbey like a hearth ?
192. What is larger than a nutmeg ?
193. When is the best time to read the book of nature ?
194. Why is T the happiest letter in the alphabet ?
195. Why couldn't Eve have the measles ?
196. Why is a four-quart measure like a side-saddle ?
197. How many apples were eaten in the Garden of Eden ?
198. What is the difference between fog at Newport and a falling star ?

## *Answers.*

186. The stars, for they have *studded* the heavens for centuries.

187. The road.

188. One is heir to the throne, the other is thrown to the air.

189. The Diet of Wurms did not agree with him.

190. Because she drew a little prophet from the rushes on the banks.

191. Because the ashes of the great (grate) lie there.

192. A nutmeg-grater.

193. When the spring opens the leaves, and autumn turns them.

194. Because it is next to you.

195. Because she had Adam (had 'em).

196. They both hold a *gal* (l) on.

197. Eve *ate*, and Adam, *too*, and the devil *won*, - eleven in all.

198. One is mist on earth, the other is missed in heaven.

## *Questions.*

199. Why is the present moment like skim-milk?
200. Why is a spendthrift like a feather bed?
201. When were there only two vowels?
202. When was the first gambling?
203. Was Othello thinking of his wife when he killed her?
204. When was beef-tea introduced into England?
205. What was Adam's religion?
206. Who caught the fossil fishes?
207. What is the difference between the ancient Israelites and modern washstands?
208. What is the difference between 17 and 70?
209. Why is electricity like the police when they are wanted?
210. When may a chair be said to dislike you?
211. Why are young children like castles in the air?
212. Why are bakers very self-denying people?
213. When is soup likely to run out of a sauce-pan?

## *Answers.*

- 199 It's scum.
200. One is hard up, the other soft down.
201. In the days of no a (Noah), before U and I were born.
202. When Adam and Eve cast up a Paradise (pair-o'-dice) for an apple.
203. No, 's mother.
204. When Henry VIII. dissolved the Pope's bull.
205. He did not know; but he thought Eve-angelical.
206. The geological *fissures* (fishers).
207. The former had hewers of wood and drawers of water; the latter ewers of water and drawers of wood.
208. One is careless and happy, the other hairless and cappy.
209. It is an invisible force.
210. When it can't bear you.
211. Because their existence is only in-fancy.
212. They sell what they need (knead) themselves.
213. When there's a *leek* in it.

## *Questions.*

214. Why is a soldier like a vine ?
215. What does a lamp-post become when the lamp is removed ?
216. When is a thief like a reporter ?
217. Why are ripe potatoes in the ground like thieves ?
218. Why is an alligator the most deceitful of animals ?
219. Why is chloroform like Mendelssohn ?
220. Why is it dangerous for a teetotaler to have more than two reasons for the faith that is in him ?
221. What is the best key to a good dinner ?
222. Why is your favorite puppy like a doll ?
223. Which of the planets would a tortoise like best to live in ?
224. Why is a bullet like a tender glance ?
225. Why is a soap-bubble like Adam ?
226. What is the most suitable dance to wind off a frolic ?
227. Why is a cook more noisy than a gong ?



## *Answers.*

214. Because he's 'listed, trained, has ten drills (tendrils), and shoots.

215. A lamp lighter.

216. When he takes notes.

217. They ought to be taken up.

218. Because he shows an open countenance in the act of taking you in.

219. It is one of the great composers of modern times.

220. Because three scruples make a dram.

221. Turkey.

222. It is a pup-pet.

223. Herschel.

224. It pierces hearts.

225. It has breathed into it the breath of life.

226. A reel.

227. One makes a din, the other a dinner.

## *Questions.*

228. What was four weeks old when Cain was born, and is not yet five ?

229. What sea would make the best sleeping room ?

230. What is majesty divested of its externals ?

231. What belongs to yourself, yet is used more by every one else ?

232. What is disgusting to all but those who swallow it ?

233. Why is a lawyer like an honest man ?

234. Why does a young man study law ?

235. Why does he continue in the profession ?

236. Why does he leave the profession ?

237. What does he do when he dies ?

238. When is a man over head and ears in debt ?

239. Why is a farmer surprised at the letter G ?

240. How do we know that Noah had beer in the ark ?

241. When were sweetmeats first made ?

242. When did fruit first begin to swear ?

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## *Answers.*

- 228. The moon.
- 229. A-dri-atic.
- 230. A jest.
- 231. Your name.
- 232. Flattery.
- 233. He is a man of deeds as well as words.
- 234. Positive, to get *on*.
- 235. Comparative, to get *honor*.
- 236. Superlative, to get *honest*.
- 237. He lies still.
- 238. When he has not paid for his wig.
- 239. It converts oats into goats.
- 240. The kangaroo went in with hops, and the bear was always *Bruin*.
- 241. When Noah preserved pairs in the ark.
- 242. When the apple damned the first pair.

## *Questions.*

- 243. When does a family sup on music ?
- 244. How do locomotives hear ?
- 245. What is the great motive for travelling ?
- 246. Why is a dog's tail like the heart of a tree ?
- 247. Why ought Adam to have been satisfied with his wife ?
- 248. Why is a woman's thought like the telegraph ?
- 249. Plant a tailor, and what would come up ?
- 250. If you lose a dollar to-day, why would it be a good plan to lose another to-morrow ?
- 251. What constitutes a weighty discourse ?
- 252. What reasons have we for believing that Ruth abused Boaz ?
- 253. What is the best bet ever made ?
- 254. What is the worth of a woman ?
- 255. Why are Rochefort and his companions like a salad ?
- 256. Why is beefsteak like a locomotive ?
- 257. What two beaus can every lady have near at hand ?

## *Answers.*

243. When they have a piano for-te.  
244. Through their engin-eers.  
245. A loco-motive.  
246. It is farthest from the bark.  
247. He had just the woman that was cut out for him.  
248. It is so much quicker than the male (mail) intelligence.  
249. A cabbage certainly, and perhaps a button would.  
250. So as to make your loss a-gain.  
251. First to ann-ounce a text, and then to ex-pound it.  
252. She pulled his ears, and trod on his corn.  
253. The alpha-bet.  
254. Double you, O man (w-o-man).  
255. They are exiled (eggs-"iled").  
256. It's not of much account without it's tender.  
257. El-bows.

## *Questions.*

258. When was the greatest destruction of poultry on record ?

259. What is the key-note to good breeding ?

260. What is the difference between a soldier and a sailor ?

261. What nation will always overcome in the end ?

262. If Neptune lost his dominion, what would he say ?

263. Why is a man climbing to the top of Mt. Vesuvius like an Irishman trying to kiss his sweetheart ?

264. What is the difference between the North and South Pole ?

265. Why would a person never be hungry in the desert of Sahara ?

266. How came the sandwiches there ?

267. Where did they get the butter for them ?

268. Why is a postage-stamp like a naughty child at school ?

269. Why is a swallow like an old-fashioned chimney ?

## Answers.

258. When King Claudius of Denmark did "murder most foul."

259. B natural.

260. One *tars* his ropes, the other *pitches* his tents.

261. Determi-nation.

262. I have not *an ocean* (a notion).

263. He is trying to get at the mouth of the *crater*.

264. All the difference in the world.

265. Because of the sand-which-is there.

266. The children of Ham were bred and mustered in the desert.

267. When Lot's wife turned back, they took all the family but-her.

268. It gets licked, set in a corner, and made to stick to its letters.

269. It has such a crooked flue (flew).

## *Questions.*

270. What is the difference between a butterfly and a volcano ?
271. What king has the widest rule ?
272. What is the merriest sauce ?
273. What "bus" has found room for the greatest number of people ?
274. When may a man be said to breakfast before he gets up ?
275. Why is a horse like the letter O ?
276. What have you to expect at a hotel ?
277. What is the first boy mentioned in the Bible ?
278. When does a cook break the game laws ?
279. When is a subject beneath one's notice ?
280. What things increase the more you contract them ?
281. When is a river not a river ?
282. Why are bells the most obedient of inanimate things ?
283. Why is a man riding swiftly up hill like one who presents a young lady with a young dog ?



## *Answers.*

270. In one the lava comes out of the crater, in the other the "crater" comes out of the larva.

271. Smo-king.

272. Caper sauce.

273. Columbus.

274. When he takes a roll in bed.

275. Because gee (G) makes him go.

276. Inn-attention.

277. Chap. 1st.

278. When she poaches eggs.

279. When it is under consideration.

280. Debts.

281. When it's eye-water (high water).

282. They make a noise whenever they are *tolled*.

283. He gives a gallop up (gal a pup).

## *Questions.*

- 284. Why is a love of the ocean like curiosity?
- 285. What is the best way to double a flock of sheep?
- 286. Why are mortgagers like burglars?
- 287. What girl does Echo think can best answer questions?
- 288. What is the end to which all like to come?
- 289. What is Hobson's choice?
- 290. Why should one never complain of the price of a car ticket?
- 291. Where does one see breakers ahead on land?
- 292. What is a heavy incidental expense?
- 293. Why are your nose and chin always at variance?
- 294. Why ought a fisherman to be wealthy?
- 295. Why is an avaricious man like one with a short memory?
- 296. What two reasons are there why a young lady going to the altar is certainly going wrong?

## *Answers.*

284. It has sent many a boy to *sea*.
285. Fold them.
286. They secure (seek your) money.
287. Ann, sir.
288. A *dividend*.
289. Mrs. Hobson.
290. It is a *fare* thing.
291. In a railway station.
292. Having one's tooth filled.
293. Because words are always passing between them.
294. His is chiefly *net* profit.
295. He is always for-getting.
296. She is miss-taken and miss-led.

## *Questions.*

297. When does the tongue assume the functions of the teeth ?

298. What is the difference between a dairy-maid and a swallow ?

299. What is an old lady in the middle of a river like ?

300. When is a piece of wood like a queen ?

301. Why should you never employ a tailor who does not understand his trade ?

302. What sort of face does an auctioneer like best ?

303. What is the difference between a husbandman and a seamstress ?

304. What medicine ought to be given to misers ?

305. Why is a young lady at a ball like an arrow ?

306. What was the cause of the potatoe rot ?

307. In what order did Noah come from the ark ?

308. What is the gentlest kind of spur ?

309. Why should not soldiers meddle with nutcrackers ?

## *Answers.*

297. When it back-bites.
298. One skims milk, the other water.
299. Like to be drowned.
300. When it is made into a ruler.
301. You get bad habits from him.
302. One that is for-bidding.
303. One gathers what he sows, the other sews what she gathers.
304. Anti-mony.
305. She needs a beau, and is all in a quiver till she gets one.
306. The rot-atory motion of the earth.
307. He came fourth.
308. A whisper.
309. Because they make the shells burst on the kernel (colonel).

## *Questions.*

- 310. Why is a hammer like a general ?
- 311. What is the best material for kites ?
- 312. Who was the fastest woman mentioned in the Bible ?
- 313. What animals are allowed in a ball room ?
- 314. How can a whipping be ordered for a boy in five Old Testament names ?
- 315. What stone was placed at the Garden of Eder after the expulsion ?
- 316. Why is a water-lily like a whale ?
- 317. What lady of the Dante family is most often spoken of ?
- 318. What death does a sculptor die ?
- 319. When may a room that is full of people be said to be empty ?
- 320. Of what trade is the sun ?
- 321. When may a ship be said to be in love ?
- 322. When is she actively in love ?
- 323. When is she ambitiously in love ?

## *Answers.*

310. It goes to the head and settles the point of a tack (attack).

311. Fly-paper.

312. The daughter of Herodias, when she got ahead of John the Baptist on a charger.

313. White kids.

314. Adam, Seth, Eve, Cain, Abel.

315. Adamantine (Adam ain't in).

316. It comes to the surface to blow.

317. Ann-dante.

318. He makes faces, and busts.

319. When there is not a *single* person in it.

320. A tanner.

321. When she is tender on a man-of-war.

322. When she seeks a mate.

323. When she is making up to a *pier*.

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## *Questions.*

- 324. When is she foolishly in love ?
- 325. When is she absurdly in love ?
- 326. When is she demonstratively in love ?
- 327. When is she weakly in love ?
- 328. When is she treated too familiarly ?
- 329. What is the hardest conundrum ?
- 330. Why is the emblem of America more lasting than that of France, England, Ireland, or Scotland ?
- 331. What is a new name for tight boots ?
- 332. When should the Book of Nature be read ?
- 333. Why is a prosy preacher like the middle of a wheel ?
- 334. Why does a little dog turn round before he lies down ?
- 335. Why is the rudder of a steamboat like a hang-man ?
- 336. What is the difference between a cat and a document ?
- 337. What did the cat say when she looked out of the window of the ark ?



## Answers.

324. When she is attached to a great buoy.  
325. When she is h'anchoring after a heavy swell  
326. When she hugs the shore.  
327. When she rests on the bosom of a little cove.  
328. When a smack follows her bow.  
329. Life, because all have to give it up.  
330. The lily may fade, and its leaves decay,  
The rose from its stem may sever ;  
Shamrock and thistle may pass away,  
But the stars shall shine for ever.  
331. A corn crib.  
332. When autumn turns the leaves.  
333. Because the felloes around it are tired.  
334. Because one good turn deserves another.  
335. It has a stern duty to perform.  
336. One has claws at the end of its paws, and  
the other has *pauses* at the end of its *clauses*.  
337. Is that Ararat ?

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COME and commiserate  
One who is blind,  
Hopeless, and desolate,  
Void of a mind.  
Guileless and deceiving,  
Though unbelieving,  
Free from all sin.

By mortal adored,  
Still I ignored  
The world I was in ;  
King Ptolemy's, Caesar's,  
And Tiglath Pileser's  
Birthdays are known ;  
Wise men, astrologers,  
All are acknowledgers,  
Mine is unknown.

I ne'er had a father,  
Or mother, or brother ;  
If I had either,  
Then they were neither  
Alive at my birth.  
Lodged in a palace,

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HUNTED by malice,  
I did not inherit,  
By lineage or merit,  
A spot in the earth.

Nursed among Pagans,  
No one baptized me ;  
A sponsor I had  
Who ne'er catechized me.  
She gave me a name  
To her heart that was dearest,  
She gave me a place  
To her bosom was nearest ;  
But one look of kindness  
She cast on me never,  
Not a word in my blindness  
I heard from her ever.

Compassed by danger  
Nothing could harm me ;  
By foemen and strangers,  
Naught could alarm me.  
I saved, I destroyed,  
I blessed, I annoyed ;

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Kept a crown for a prince,  
But had none of my own ;  
Filled the place of a king,  
But ne'er had a throne.

Rescued a warrior,  
Baffled a plot ;  
Was what I seemed not,  
Seemed what I was not.

Devoted to slaughter,  
A price on my head,  
A king's lovely daughter  
Watched by my bed.

Though gently she nursed me  
Fainting with fear,  
She never caressed me,  
Nor wiped off a tear ;  
Ne'er moistened my lips,  
Though fainting and dry, —  
What marvel if blight  
Should pursue till she die !

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'Twas loyalty nursed me,  
Wretched and poor ;  
'Twas loyalty cursed me  
In secret, I'm sure.

I lived not, I died not,  
Yet tell you I must,  
That ages have passed  
Since I turned into dust.

This paradox whence,  
This squalor, this splendor ;  
Say, am I a king ?  
Or a silly pretender ?  
Fathom this mystery,  
Deep in my history :  
Am I a man ?  
An angel supernal ?  
A demon infernal ?  
Solve it who can.

Solution found in one verse, in one of the books of  
the Old Testament.

1 Samuel, 19th chapter, 13th and following verses.

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